Japanese Scholarships to train Public Servants

Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Programme was signed on 2 June 2014, by Dr. P B Jayasundera, Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Mr. Hiroyuki Abe, Senior Representative of JICA Sri Lanka.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) executes the JDS Programme and supports the human resource development of the Sri Lanka public sector. It offers officials who are mainly engaged in formulating and implementing social and economic development plans to study in Japan. Under the first phase of 6 years, 60 officials of the Government of Sri Lanka have undertaken 2 year Master degree programs in Japan in the subject areas of public administration, public policy, public finance, regional development and economics.

The new agreement will enable a further 60 young public officials to study in Japan during the next 6 years. This grant package also offers modules in private sector theories such as business management, and the opportunity to learn about the latest perceptions on environment and disaster management.